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1. IN CONSIDERING UNGA TACTICS ON KOREA, IT REMAINS OUR BASIC OBJECTIVE TO MINIMIZE TO EXTENT POSSIBLE RISK OF MAJOR CONFRONTATION AT UNGA THIS FALL, WHILE NOT INDICATING WILLINGNESS TO TERMINATE UNC. GIVEN PRESENT INDICATIONS THAT OTHER SIDE SEEMS INTENT ON PROCEEDING WITH HARDLINE ATTACK ON UNC AND US FORCES, HOWEVER, WE BELIEVE WE MUST BE PREPARED TO MEET THIS WITH OMNIBUS CONFIDENTIAL

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RESOLUTION THAT INCLUDES TERMINATION OF UNCURK, SIMULTANEOUS ADMISSION OF THE TWO KOREAS (BUT AS A PERMISSIVE, NOT COMPULSORY, MATTER), AND INDIRECT REFERENCE TO THE UNC ISSUE. WITHIN THE COMING WEEK WE

HOPE TO HAVE SOME BETTER INDICATION AS TO WHETHER OTHER SIDE SEEMS DETERMINED TO MOVE TOWARD CONFRONTATION, OR IS INTERESTED IN SOME COMPROMISE ON SIMULTANEOUS ADMISSION AND UNC/US FORCES.

- 2. YOU ARE, THEREFORE, AUTHORIZED TO PROCEED WITH SCENARIO OUTLINED USUN 2973. HOWEVER, BEFORE FINALLY TABLING OMNIBUS RESOLUTION SEPT 7, WE WISH TO MAKE A FINAL REVIEW OF THE LANGUAGE PARTICULARLY WITH RESPECT TO PLANS OF OTHER SIDE AND OUR ASSESSMENT OF SUPPORT AMONG UNGA MEMBERS FOR OUR RESPECTIVE POSITIONS.
- 3. DEPT AGREES THAT BOTH UNCURK AND MEMBERSHIP ELEMENTS MAY BE INCLUDED IN OMNIBUS RESOLUTION, AND APPROVES LANGUAGE SET FORTH IN PARA 8 REF A AS AMENDED BY PARAS 1 AND 2 OF REF D.
- 4. WE NOW BELIEVE THAT WE SHOULD INCLUDE INDIRECT REFERENCE TO UNC IN OMNIBUS RESOLUTION WHICH YOU DISCUSS IN WORKING GROUP ON AUGUST 29 AND WITH OTHER CO-SPONSORS ON AUGUST 31 FOR TABLING ON SEPTEMBER 7. WE ARE AWARE THAT OUR MARGIN OF SUPPORT HAS NARROWED CONSIDERABLY, AND THAT OUR ABILITY TO DEFEAT OPPOSITION RESOLUTION WHILE CARRYING OUR OWN MAY WELL DEPEND ON ATTRACTING SUFFICIENT VOTES FROM "GREY AREA" MEMBERS -- WHO MUST BE WOOED AWAY FROM THEIR ATTRACTION TO OPPOSITION RESOLUTION ON UNC QUESTION BY OUR INDICATING WILLINGNESS TO MAKE SOME MOVEMENT ON THIS QUESTION.
- 5. AS TO LANGUAGE ON UNC, WE UNDERSTAND OBJECTIONS EXPRESSED BY WORKING GROUP MEMBERS IN AUGUST 24 MEETING (REF E) REGARDING OUR DRAFT LANGUAGE CONTAINED REF F. IN ORDER TO PROVIDE LANGUAGE THAT WILL INDICATE SOME FLEXIBILITY ON OUR SIDE BUT NOT COMPROMISE OUR BASIC NEGOTIATING POSITION IN ANY FUTURE DISCUSSIONS OF UNC QUESTION IN SECURITY COUNCIL FRAMEWORK, WE PROPOSE THE FOLLOWING FORMULATION: "FURTHER EXPRESSES CONFIDENTIAL

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THE HOPE THAT THE SECURITY COUNCIL, BEARING IN MIND THE NEED TO ENSURE THE CONTINUED EFFECTIVE ENFORCEMENT OF THE ARMISTICE AGREEMENT AND THE FULL MAINTENANCE OF PEACE AND SECURITY IN THE AREA, WILL IN DUE COURSE GIVE CONSIDERATION, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE PARTIES DIRECTLY CONCERNED, TO THE REMAINING ASPECTS OF THE KOREAN QUESTION, WHICH FALL WITHIN ITS RESPONSIBILITY." ROGERS

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